

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend para. [0009] on pg. 3 of the Specification as follows:

[0009] Referring now to the drawings in which like reference numbers represent corresponding parts throughout:

FIGs. 1 and 2 illustrate network computing environments in which embodiments of the invention are implemented;

FIGs. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 illustrate an arrangement of information on I/O paths between hosts and storage volumes and service level requirements providing performance criteria for service level agreements and associations therebetween in accordance with implementations of the invention;

FIGs. 9, 10, 11, and 12 illustrate operations performed to utilize the information described with respect to FIGs. 3-8 to manage the network shown in FIGs. 1 and 2;

FIG. 13 illustrates a computing architecture that may be used to implement the network components described with respect to FIGs. 1 and 2.

FIG. 14a illustrates how the service level agreement elements are defined in an XML format.

FIG. 14b illustrates how the service level commitment information is implemented in the XML format.

FIG. 14c illustrates how the service level guarantee (SLG) information is implemented in the XML format.

FIG. 15 illustrates an implementation of a computer architecture of the network components shown in FIGs. 1, 2, and 7.